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CARAMANLIS IN LONDON

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1. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS INSTRUCTED HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN MOLYVIATIS TO CALL ME INTO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE EARLIER THIS EVENING AND DISCUSS HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LONDON AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER (CARAMANLIS BEING HOME IN BED ILL WITH LUMBAGO WHICH HAS FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF HIS PLANNED DEPARTURE MONDAY FOR A FIVE-COUNTRY WESTERN EUROPEAN TRIP).

2. MOLYVIATIS SAID THAT CARAMANLIS' TRAVEL PLANS WERE NOW FIRM. HE WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 8, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT ANYTIME BEGINNING AT NOON THAT DAY AND UP UNTIL CARAMANLIS' SCHEDULED DEPARTURE AT NOON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11. CARAMANLIS HAS UNDERSTOOD THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO PROPOSING THE BILATERAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE AFTERNOON COUNCIL SESSION MAY 10, AND CARAMANLIS IS HOLDING THAT TIME.

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HOWEVER, HE HAS ALSO SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MAY BE AWAY FROM LONDON ON MONDAY, MAY 9, AND BECAUSE TUESDAY THE 10TH MAY BE SO RUSHED THOUGHT THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO MEET WITH HIM SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING. IN ANY CASE, CARAMANLIS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. MOLYVIATIS RESTATED THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSUMPTION

THAT THERE WOULD BE "AMPLE TIME" FOR HIS DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND HE WENT ON TO INDICATE THAT CARAMANLIS THOUGHT HE AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM OF 45 MINUTES FOR THEIR BILATERAL MEETING.

4. MOLYVIATIS SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE KNOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE PRESIDENT WISHED TO MEET WITH HIM SO THAT HE COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER IMPORTANT MEETINGS HE WISHED TO HAVE.

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